

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

In an apparatus and a method for enabling control ~~[[on]]~~ of print permission, without applying new control information or a protection method, copy control information is detected, which is added to digital ~~information, when~~ information. When controlling the printing of digital information, ~~thereby controlling on~~ control of whether the printing can be conducted on the digital information ~~depending~~ depends upon the detected copy control information ~~detected~~.